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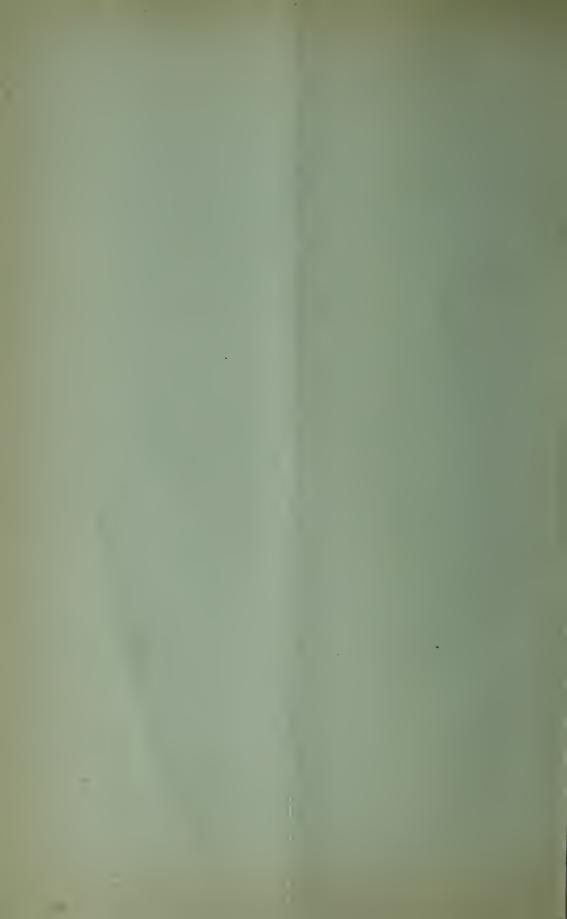
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THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT.

To the Thingoe Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you my Twenty-sixth Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Thingoe Rural District for the year 1903.

The Thingoe Rural District, which has an area of 83,998 Thingoe acres and comprises forty-seven parishes, is divided into District. Three Sub-Districts, viz., Rougham, Fornham and Ixworth.

The sub-soil consists chiefly of chalk, which is covered by Physical beds of clay or gravel of varying depths, the chalk coming Features. near the surface in places.

The year 1903 will perhaps long be remembered as the Rainfall. wettest year in this district, with one exception, for nearly half-a century, and also as a most disastrous one from an agricultural point of view. The average rainfall is about 25 inches, but last year it reached 31.53 inches, which fell on 175 days. For the following table of the rainfall for each month during the year I am indebted to R. Burrell, Esq., of Westley:—

			I	NCHES.	1	II	CHES.
January					August	 	3.78
Februar	cy .			0.28	September	 	3.31
March					October		
April				1.96	November	 • • •	2.18
May			• • •	2.54	December	 	1.23
June		• • •		3.11			
July				3.82	Total	 	31.53

The population of the Thingoe District, when the last Population. Census was taken, was 14,528, towards which Rougham Sub-District contributed 4,677, Fornham Sub-District 5,050, and Ixworth Sub-District 4,801. These numbers, on which the following statistics have been framed, may, I think, still be assumed to be sufficiently correct for this purpose.

Births.

In the Thingoe District during the year 1903 there were registered 331 births, of which 183 were males and 148 were females. This is equivalent to a birth-rate of 22.78 per 1,000 of the population. In 1902 there were 348 births, the estimated birth-rate being 23.95 per 1,000. The birth-rate for England and Wales in 1903 was 28.4 per 1,000 (the lowest on record).

Deaths.

In the Thingoe District during the year 1903 there were 174 deaths, of which 27 were under one year of age, 67 between one and sixty-five years of age, and 80 above sixty-five years of age; the death-rate for the year being 11.97 per 1,000 of the population. There were, however, in addition, 25 deaths recorded in various institutions outside the District, thus raising the total number of deaths to 199, and giving a death-rate of 13.42 per 1,000.

The death-rate for England and Wales was 15.4 per 1,000 (the lowest on record).

Excess of Births over Deaths. In the Thingoe District during the year 1903 there were 157 more births than there were deaths.

First qu	arter-	—number of	deaths	49.	Death-rate	13.48
Second		,,	,,	49.	,,	13.48
Third	,,	,,	,,	40.	,,	11.00
Fourth	,,	,,	,,	36.	,,	9.88

Infant Mortality.

Proportion of deaths under one year of age to 1,000 births:—

In the Thingoe District in 1903 it was 81.57 ,, ,, 1902 ,, 97.70 In England and Wales in 1903 ,, 132.0

Mortality above 60 years of age. Mortality per 1,000 living above sixty years of age (the estimated number living being 890):—

In the Thingoe District in 1903 it was 111.23 ,, ,, 1902 ,, 117.97 In England and Wales in 1903 ,, 64.2

Zymotic Diseases.

In the Thingoe District during the year 1903 there were only four deaths referred to the principal Zymotic Diseases, viz., one due to Scarlet Fever, one to Diphtheria and two to Diarrhœa.

This is equivalent to a Zymotic death-rate of 0.27 per 1,000.

In 1902 the Zymotic death-rate was 0.48 per 1,000.

In England and Wales in 1903 it was 1.46 per 1,000.

The Thingoe District has been quite free from Small-pox Small-Pox. during the past year.

Scarlet Fever has been somewhat prevalent in many parts ScarletFever. of the District, cases having occurred in fifteen different parishes. In most of these villages the disease has been confined to one or two families, but in a few parishes, notably at Bradfield St. George and Ixworth, the disease has hung about for a considerable time, and affected several householders. The usual precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease, but in cottages it is next to impossible to isolate the inmates, especially where, as is so often the case, there are large families. Disinfectants have been freely distributed, and where it was considered necessary the Schools were recommended to be closed.

Diphtheria has occurred in six parishes, but in each case Diphtheria. the disease was confined to a single individual. All these cases were of a Sporadic origin, and except in one instance which proved fatal, they were of a mild type.

The District has for many years past been quite free from Enteric Enteric Fever, but last year three cases occurred at Fornham Fever. St. Martin and one at Horringer. The exact causes of these cases could not, however, be determined.

The District has on the whole been unusually free from Measles. Measles.

The District has been very free from Whooping Cough, Whooping but towards the end of the year there were signs of its Cough. becoming pretty general.

Although two deaths have been referred to Diarrhœa, the Diarrhœa. District has been very free from this disease.

One death has certified as due to Influenza, but on the Influenza. whole the District has been free from this complaint in an epidemic form.

Tables are attached to this Report, showing the nature of Infectious all the Infectious Diseases which have been notified during Diseases the year, together with the parishes in which they have (Notification) occurred.

The iron Hospital which was erected for the reception of Isolation Small-pox patients two years ago has never been called into Hospital. requisition, and when it was suggested last year that it should be used for Fever cases, the proposal was negatived.

General
Health of the may, I think, be considered as very satisfactory. The number of deaths occurring in the District has been fewer than has ever before been recorded, and the death-rate amongst infants also falls far below that of any previous year. As a set off, however, against this favourable state of things, it must be noted that the number of births is likewise less than it has probably ever been before.

Sanitary Inspection.

It is with regret that I have to record the death last December of Mr. Deeks, who for nearly twenty-eight years held the office of Inspector of Nuisances of the Thingoe Rural District, during which time he performed his duties, which were often onerous and difficult, in a satisfactory and praiseworthy manner.

The District was frequently and systematically inspected by the late Mr. Deeks, and as a result 292 notices to abate various nuisances were served last year, for particulars of which I would draw attention to a table appended hereto, which has been compiled from the books kept by the late Sanitary Inspector.

Dwelling Houses. During the past year two houses, which were unfit for human habitation, were closed; fifty-four houses, more or less dilapidated, were repaired, and four better ventilated; while three cases of overcrowding were remedied, and thirtyeight houses and three schools were disinfected.

During the year fourteen new closets were built, fortyeight closets were repaired, and forty cesspools found to be full were ordered to be cleaned out.

Ten new drains were made, twenty-four unblocked, &c., and ten water courses cleaned out.

West Stow Sewerage Farm. The new scheme which the Authorities of Bury St. Edmund's have decided on for improving the condition of the main sewer, and of the Sewerage Farm at West Stow, is now in hand, and will, it is hoped, when completed, do away with all cause of complaint.

Water Supply After a long series of dry years, which had seriously affected the water supply in nearly all parts of the District, we have just experienced one of the wettest seasons which has occurred for nearly half a century, the result being that an abundant supply of water is everywhere now obtainable

During the year several samples of water were taken for analysis. Fourteen wells were cleaned out and deepened, eight well-top coverings and pumps were repaired, four ponds supplying water for drinking purposes were cleaned out, and five new wells were sunk, viz., at Ampton, 1; Chevington, 1; Hawstead, 1; Risby, 1; and Whepstead, 1.

The Thingoe District is essentially a rural District, and Factory and only contains two factories for the wholesale manufacture of Workshop Clothing, the "sanitary conditions" of which are satisfactory. Act, 1901.

The Bakehouses visited during the year were generally found in a satisfactory condition. Some owners or occupiers of Bakehouses, however, did not seem to realise the necessity of lime-washing the inside walls and ceilings every six months as required by the Act. Many workshops and workplaces have been inspected, and steps are now being taken to render the "Register of Workshops" as complete as possible.

Other matters have been dealt with during the year which Miscellaneous do not come under any of the above headings, and nuisances connected therewith have been remedied.

I beg to append a Table, giving particulars regarding each Parish in the Thingoe Rural District, also Tables I., II., III. and IV., which show the number of Births and Deaths, &c., during the past ten years, those of last year being classified according to diseases, ages and localities.

> I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, CHARLES SCOTT KILNER, M.B., C.M., Edin., D.P.H., Camb., Medical Officer of Health.

Bury St. Edmund's, January 22nd, 1904.

TABLE I.

THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT.-Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1903 and Previous Years.

NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BE-	RICT.	Rate.*	13	17.21	13.72	13.78	11.37	12.89	12.23	12.00	13.91	13.02	13.83	13.45	13.42
	DISTRICT	Number.	12	271	216	. 217	179	203	194	189	219	108	201	208	199
Deaths of Residents	in Public	tions beyond the Number.	11	1	1	1	1	1	[1	1	1	1		25
Deaths of Non- residents	registered in Public	Institu- tions in the	10			l	1		1				1		1
TOTAL DEATHS	PUBLIC LVCTITII	TIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	6	1		1	1	1	1	I	1		1		1
IN THE	Ages.	Rate.*	80	17.21	13.72	13.78	11.37	12.89	12.23	12.00	13.91	13.02	13.83	13.45	11.97
HSTERED CI.	At all Ages.	Number.	7	271	216	217	179	203	194	189	219	198	201	208	174
TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.	Under I year of age.	Rate per 1,000 Births	9	90.54	91.12	101.26	82.32	89.97	86.87	102.77	95.50	108.6	97:70	94.66	81.57
TOTAL	Under 1	Number.	5	45	39	40	34	35	33	37	34	40	34	37	27
rhs.		Rate.*	4	30.29	26.55	25.09	26.23	24.83	24.20	22.86	22.61	25.33	23.95	25.19	22.78
BIRTHS.		Number.	ю	477	428	395	413	389	381	360	356	308	348	391	331
	Population estimated to	Middle of each Year.	61	15743	15743	15743	15743	15743	15743	15743	15743	14528	14528	15500	14528
	YEAR.		I	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	8681	1899	1900	1961	1902	Averages for years 893—1902	1903

*Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 83,998. Total population at all ages, 14,528; number of inhabited houses, 3,491; average number of persons per house, 4.16; at Census of 1901.

TABLE II.

THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT.-Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1903 and Previous Years.

RICT.	Deaths under I year.	d.	11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	11	6
SUB-DISTRICT.	Deaths at all Ages.	.;	89 76 63 67 67 67 82	74	55
1	Births registered.	b.	152 126 136 138 129 115	130	115
IXWORTH	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	a.	5277 5277 5277 5277 5277 5277 5277 4801	5181	4801
RICT.	Deaths under I year.	d.	91 4 4 7 6 5 6 6 6 7 1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	12	8
FORNHAM SUB-DISTRICT.	Deaths at all Ages.	6.	88 67 77 64 63 83 83 85	67	69
HAM SU	Births registered.	ъ.	170 160 123 147 128 140 106 128	135	115
FORN	Population estimated to middle of each year.	a.	5415 5415 5415 5415 5415 5415 5050 5050	5342	5050
RICT.	Deaths under 1 year.	d.	07 111 122 133 144 151 151 151 151 151 151 151 151 151	12	. 10
SUB-DISTRICT.	Deaths at all Ages.	6.	61 63 63 61 61	99	50
JGHAM SU	Births registered.	ъ.	155 142 136 132 123 115 123 110	125	ioi
ROUG	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	a.	5051 5051 5051 5051 5051 5051 5051 4677 4677	4976	4677
NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	YEAR.		1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1899 1900	Averages of Years 1893 to 1902	1903

TABLE III.

THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1903.

At all Ages. At all Ages. Under 1 to 5. 5 to 15. 15 to 25. 25 to 65.			CASES	Notifie	ED IN WI	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.	TRICT.		TOTAL IN EA	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.	OTIFIED LITY.
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TABLE IV.
THINGOE RURAL DISTRICT.—Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1903.

LONGING IES 3S).	Ixworth Sub- District.	H H 0 8 4 8 H H 2 H 2	55
DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO LOCALITIES (AT ALL AGES).	Rougham Fornham Sub- Sub- District. District.	H H H B B B B B B B	69
DEATHS TO (AT			50
AT	65 and upwards		80
BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.	5 and 15 and 25 and 65 and under 15 under 25 under 65 upwards	8 0 1 0 1 2 1 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	48
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	r and under 5		4
DEATHS IN OR	Under 1 Year.	1 0 4 2 4	27
Di	All Ages	110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110	174
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	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Scarlet Fever	All causes
		Scarlet Fe Diphtheric Epidemic Diarrhoa Enteritis Phthisis Other tube Cancer, m Bronchitis Preumoni Pleurisy Other dise Premature Heart dise Accidents Suicides All other c	

Table of the Sanitary Work completed during the Year 1903, compiled from the books kept by the late Mr. Richard Deeks, Inspector of Nuisances.

Number of notices served			•••	•••	292
DWELLING 1	HOUSI	ES.			
Number of houses closed			•••	•••	2
" dilapidated houses repair	ed .		•••	• • •	54
" houses better ventilated.					4
" cases of overcrowding rea	nedied				3
" houses disinfected .				•••	38
,, schools disinfected .		••	•••	•••	3
SEWERAGE AND	DRA	[NAG]	Е.		
Number of new closets built					14
" closets repaired					48
" cesspools cleaned out			•••	• • •	40
" new drains made…					10
" drains unblocked .			•••		24
" water courses cleaned ou	t .		•••	•••	10
WATER SU	JPPLY				
Number of new wells sunk			•••	•••	5
" wells cleaned out and de	epened				14
,, pumps and well-top cove	rings re	epaired			8
" ponds cleaned out				•••	4
MISCELLAI	NEOUS	S.	3f		
Number of animals, improperly kept	, remov	ed		•••	18
" open pools near houses i	illed up)	•••		26
" accumulations of refuse,	&c., re	noved			34
" accumulation of blood as	nd offal				2
" legal proceedings…			•••		0

Sanitary Statistics of Thingoe Rural District for the Year 1903.

	SUBJECTS.	Ampton	Bardwell	Barrow.	Barton Great.	Bradfield Combust.	Bradfield St. Clare.	Bradfield St. George.	Brockley.	Chedburgh.	Chevington.	Culford.	Denham.	Depden.	Flempton.	Fornham All Saints.	Fornham St. Martin.	Hardwick.	Hargrave.	Hawstead.	Hengrave.	Horningsheath.	Ickworth.	Ingham.	Ixworth.	Ixworth Thorpe.	Lackford.	Livermere Great.	Livermere Little.	Nowton.	Pakenham.	Rishv	Rougham.	Rushbrooke.	Saxham Great.	Saxham Little.	Stanningfield.	Stanton.	Timworth.	Troston	Westley.	West Stow.	Whelnetham Great.	Whelnetham Little.	Whepstead.	Wordwell.	TOTAL.
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I.	Births	4 32.8 24 6	17 28.8 12.6	26 26.0 25.0	17 25.5 24.0	S.1 24·3	5 30.0 42.0	9 20.7 25.3	8 32.8 28.7	5 26.0 I 10.4 I	6 2.6 2 2.6 I	7 1.7 8.6	3 7.7 5.4	0.8 24 0.4 12	4 27 .2 33	9 .0 32.	3 4 14.0 8 31.5	4	0 0 23.2 0 26.3	8 2 26.4 1 23.1	8 22.5	5 9 17.1 17.1	2 20.0 0	6 23.4 27.3	24 26.4 19.8	3 26.1 8.7	4 22.4 33.6	3 14.1 18.8	2 14.2 1 42.6 1	3 14.7 19.6	23 5·3 7·5	7 8 19. 0 30.	7 I. .6 I5.4 .8 23.1	7 · 4 7 · 4	8 40.0 15.0	24.8 37 ²	5 19.0 22.8	17 20.4 30.0	6.8 27.2	16.8 8.4	2 13.0 26.0	5 25.5 30.6	30.8 47.0	2 14.2 2 14.2 2	11 23.1 21.0	0 0	331 22.78 23.95
11.	Deaths, Zymotic— ,, Rate per 1000 ,, From other Causes— ,, Rate per 1000		- 8			_ _ _ 2 _	_ _ _ 2	_ _ _ _	_ _ _ _	0	5	4	3		I		o - –	- – 4 - –	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 5.	9 — 8 —	6 -	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$			1.1	_ o					10	3 14.	2 — .6 —	7	3				I	3			7	I	6		4 0.29 170 11.70
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